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1. SUMMARY: SECOND COMMITTEE APPROVED RESOLUTION 1378/REV.1 ON DECEMBER 2 WITHOUT VOTE. END SUMMARY.

2. US DELEGATION UNDERTOOK CONSULTATIONS ON RES REPORTED REFTEL SOME TWO WEEKS AGO. PRIMARY CONCERN OF INTERESTED DELEGATIONS WAS THAT SECOND COMMITTEE NOT IMPINGE ON ACTIONS TAKEN OR ABOUT TO BE TAKEN IN THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES. SOME DELEGATIONS, SUCH AS THAT OF BRAZIL, PERSISTED IN STATING THE VIEW THAT THE RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THIRD COMMITTEE. OTHER DELEGATIONS TOOK A MORE POSITIVE VIEW. PARTICULARLY HELPFUL WERE THE DELEGATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES, NIGERIA, UK, IRAN, MEXICO AND SIERRA LEONE. AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THESE DELEGATIONS AND SOME 15 OTHERS UNDER THE CHAIRMAN SHIP OF COMMITTEE VICE-PRESIDENT HAMID, A REVISION OF THE RESOLUTION WAS DRAFTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED AS REVISION 1 ON NOVEMBER 29 WITH SPONSORSHIP OF AUSTRALIA, COLOMBIA, MEXICO AND US.

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3. THE REVISED RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE TWO

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DECEMBER 2. SOME 20 DELEGATIONS TOOK PART. IN THE COURSE
OF THE DEBATE NUMEROUS DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
CO-SPONSORING THE RESOLUTION. CONSEQUENTLY THE FOLLOWING
CO-SPONSORS WERE ADDED: GABON, THE PHILIPPINES, NETHERLANDS,
JAPAN, SWEDEN, IRAN, MOROCCO, CAR, GUATEMALA, NORWAY,
GRENADA AND PANAMA.

4. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE REP OF DAHOMEY SECONDED BY
T & T, OP PARA 1 WAS AMENDED TO REPLACE THE WORDS "GIVE
ATTENTION" WITH "PROVIDE INCREASED ASSISTANCE". ALTHOUGH
THE REP OF GUINEA EXPRESSED SOME UNHAPPINESS WITH OP PARA 4,
HE DID NOT PURSUE HIS SUGGESTION THAT IT BE PUT TO A SEPARATE
VOTE.

5. THE PHILIPPINES REP WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A REFERENCE
IN THE RESOLUTION TO THE VII SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GA.
HER SPECIFIC DESIRE WAS TO REPEAT LANGUAGE IN THE RESOLUTION
PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION 2117 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE.
THAT RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN YEAR (IWY)
CONFERENCE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDS TO THE VII
SPECIAL SESSION. THE US RESISTED INCORPORATING THIS IDEA
IN 1378 SINCE (A) IT WOULD HAVE BEEN REDUNDANT AND (B)
THE YUGOSLAVS, WHO TAKE A PARTICULARLY PROPRIETERY ROLE
IN ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH THE SPECIAL SESSION, HAD
THREATENED TO INJECT AN AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE NIEO AND
THE PROGRAM OF ACTION SHOULD A FURTHER REFERENCE BE MADE
IN 1378 TO THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION.

6. NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS TOOK ADAMANT EXCEPTION TO
PREAMBULAR PARA 5 OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT. THE NIGERIANS AND
EASTERN EUROPEANS WERE LOATHE TO SUGGEST THAT DEVELOPMENT
EVEN OCCASIONALLY CAUSED DETERIORATION OF THE POSITION OF
WOMEN. THEY INSISTED ON A REFORMULATION TO EMPHASIZE THE
NEED FOR FURTHER INTEGRATION AND THE MORE EQUAL DISTRIBUTION
OF THE BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT.

7. MEXICO, THE HOST OF THE IWY CONFERENCE, WAS DESIROUS
OF TABLING ITS OWN RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT OF WOMEN IN
DEVELOPMENT. A WEEK AFTER SENATOR PERCY INTRODUCED THE ITEM,
AMBASSADOR BARCELO GAVE THE US DEL A COPY OF A RESOLUTION
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HE SAID HE INTENDED TO TABLE. THE US DEL EVENTUALLY
CONVINCED HIM TO MERGE SALIENT POINTS OF HIS DRAFT WITH THE
EXISTING US RESOLUTION. AS A CONSEQUENCE, PREAMBULAR
PARA 8 AND OP PARAS 3 AND 5 WERE ADDED.

8. THE POINTS OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT TOUCHING ON PERSONNEL
AND ADMINISTRATION ARE BEING DEALT WITH IN THE FIFTH
COMMITTEE. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, I.E., TO THE SEVENTH

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SPECIAL SESSION AND TO THE 30TH GA HAVE BEEN DEALTH
WITH IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE.

9. COMMENT: USUN BELIEVES THAT RESOLUTION 1378/REV.1 IS
A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN THAT IT INVOLVES THE UN FAMILY
OF DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ISSUE OF INTEGRATION
OF WOMEN FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT, TOGETHER WITH THE
THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES' RESOLUTIONS, SHOULD PROVIDE
AN EXCELLENT BASIS FOR FURTHER, MORE SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS
ON THE SUBJECT OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AT THE IWY CONFERENCE.
END COMMENT.
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